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SUBJECT: DUTCH COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S TORTURE INITIATIVE

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1. CONCERNS RAISED BY DUTCH DELEGATION (REF A) ABOUT US DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TORTURE APPEAR TO BE SIMILAR TO THOSE REGISTERED WITH DEPT. OCTOBER 9 BY DUTCH EMBASSY HERE (REF B). WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER REACTION FROM THE DUTCH REGARDING RESPONSES WE PROVIDED THEN TO THEIR EXPRESSION OF CONCERN.

2. COMMENTS IN REF A SUGGEST DUTCH DELEGATION IS IGNORING FACT THAT THEIR PROBLEMS RELATING TO TIMING AND LINKAGE OF DECLARATION CONDEMNING TORTURE AND FORMATION OF WORKING GROUP IN SINGLE RESOLUTION HAD ALREADY BEEN SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED IN A CONTEXT OF MUTUAL ASSURANCES THAT US AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NETHERLANDS ARE AT ONE ON BASIC POLICY REGARDING TORTURE.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS USUN SHOULD REVIEW WITH DUTCH DEL
POINTS MADE IN REF B, LAYING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DUTCH
EMBASSY ASSURANCES THAT THERE IS NO DIVERGENCE AS TO
OVERALL POLICY AIMS AND ON OUR BELIEF THAT TACTICAL AND
TIMING PROBLEMS CAN AND SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN OUR
TWO MISSIONS IN NEW YORK. FYI. ABSENT SPECIFIC DETAILS
TO BOLSTER THEM WE FIND ARGUMENTS (1) AND (2) IN PARA. 1
OF REF A PARTICULARLY UNPERSUASIVE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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